Next Thursday the Republican State Convention will meet in Trenton to elect four delegates-at-large to the National Convention. General William J. Sewell, Garret A. Hobart, Franklin Murphy and John Kean are likely to be choser.

Everybody in Newark knows where Mayor Lebkuecher stands on all the questions at issue netween corporations and the municipality. He s for a strict maintenance of the city's rights and a rigid enforcement, in letter and spirit, of every contract made. Does anybody know what James M. Seymour's views on those questions

No. Frederick C. Marsh is not likely to go off en a shooting expedition between now and tomorrow night. Of course, it was different when Patrick Sheridan was running for Mayor, and them. again when James E. Martine was fighting for the Senatorship.

Democratic politicians who imagine that John Kean does not put his duty as a citizen before his feelings as an individual, whatever they may be, are likely to get a disappointment when the votes are counted in Elizabeth.

Newark was one of the first cities in the State to shake off the fetters of the "old gang." Does it want to see the ancient regime re-established?

The Passaic County newspapers, Democratic and Republican alike, join in approving the suggestion that William B. Gourley should be made chairman of the Democratic State Committee If he be chosen, it will be in the way of a so to those who think that principles ought to cut some kind of figure, even in Democratic politics.

A month or so ago Mayor Rankin had the Editor of "The Elizabeth Herald" arrested berause that paper had painted Elizabeth as a crime-ridden city, and had laid the responsibil ity at Mayor Eankin's door. "The Herald" is now vigorously supporting Frederick C. Marsh. who is running for Mayor on the Democratic ticket, and it refers continuously to Mr. Rankin and those associated with him in the adminis tration of the city's affairs as "The Ring. One such reference is in the following language

"The Ring" has perverted and destroyed the honor of the ballot-box, it has pulled wires, exercised tyranay, countenanced crime and lawlessness.

If the people of Elizabeth believe that-if they selleve that their city is a paradise for law less characters and that public officials are in league with criminals- they will oust John C. Rankin from the Mayor's chair. The verdict at the ballot-box will be accepted by outsiders as the deliberate opinion of Elizabeth's citizens as to the character of the town.

Supreme Court Justice Lippincott used plain and explicit language last Tuesday in directing the Hudson County Grand Jury to investigate the gambling in North Bergen, Hoboken and Harrison, and to probe "the claim so frequently made by these persons that they are protected by persons in authority." It has been common talk for a long time that the men who run poolrooms and policy shops in Hudson County have on their payrolls persons who render no services whatsoever, unless it be in the direction of shielding them from exposure or punishment. If the Grand Jury is unable or unwilling to make a searching and fearless inquiry, the duty will fall upon the Senate Committee, of which Foster M. Voorhees is chairman.

Governor John W. Griggs was quoted as saying in Hartford that he thought the New-Jersey delegates to St. Louis would be pledged to Mc-Kinley. As a political prophet the Governor is something of a success.

Just four years ago certain Democratic politicians had planned to throw the Jersey delegation to the National Convention in Chicago against Cleveland. The delegates to the State Convention blocked that game by passing an lution in favor of Cleveland.

Only the women and children went to sleep in Elizabeth last night. All the men of the town at up awaiting with feverish impatience today's sunrise and the newspaper train which is to carry to them the latest production of the Hon, John T. Dunn's great brain. On marble tablets, with fireproof paint, tested by State House mdiators, he has written an indictment against Mayor Rankin that will roll down the ages as a masterpiece superior to Edmund Burke's arraignment of Warren Hastings. Those who have heard the paragraphs sizzling say that Mr. Dunn proves irresistibly that Mayor Rankin was responsible for driving the racetracks away from Elizabeth and that if he had not done so the gamblers intended to pay all the city debt

The Democratic idea of fitness and propriety b humorously illustrated in Camden and Elizabeth. Camden's illustration consists in the arrest of Excise Commissioners Corbett and Cleary on the charge of selling beer without a license Whether these men are innocent or guilty it was manifestly improper to choose them as supervisors of a business in which they are perconally engage. In Elizabeth the County Prosecutor is engaged in the task of trying to elected Mayor with the intention of holding both offices, if elected. The unseemliness of this will be apparent to any one who considers that one of the duties of the Prosecutor is to aid the Grand Jury in preparing indictments against public officials who fail to live up to the oath of

and to pave every thoroughfare with gold bricks.

LONG BRANCH A DRY PLACE.

MAYOR BLODGETT COMPELS THE HOTELS AND SALOONS TO REMAIN CLOSED ON SUNDAY. Long Branch, April 12 (Special).-Old residents

say that it has been many years since the Sunday-closing law was adhered to as it was to-day. All the hotels and saloons closed promptly at 12 o'clock last night, and remained in that condition all day. The thirsty Asoury Parker, who came on the trolley, was compelled to go dry, so well was Mayor Blodgett's order obeyed by the hotel men.

Mayor Blodgett has always been of the opinion that the court was the proper party to enforce the law relative to Sunday closing, inasmuch as that body granted the license The Mayor has just been informed that the power to close the hotels and rmed that the power to close the hotels and one in Long Branch on Sunday laid with the sayor and his associates. Acting upon these in-dructions, Mayor Blodgett instructed Chief of Po-lice Layton to see that the strict observance of the law was carried out. Blodgett say that he is in Friends of Mayor Blodgett say that he is in Friends, which means that no saloon or hotel will add intoxicating ilquors on Bunday during the com-lag season, and that the reputation of Long Branch as a law-abiding place is to be restored.

A CONSUMPTIVE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE. Paterson, April 12 (Special).—Dennis Gal'agher, a Garmaker, boarding with Mrs. Dixon, at No. 5; Cross-st., swallowed an ounce of laudanum last light with suicida; intent. He is a consumptive and was despondent on account of his ill-health. His accommendation account of his ill-health. His roans awoke a fellow-boarder, who burst in the war and sent for a physician. Gallagher was produced out of danger after two hours' hard works was not at all grateful, and sa'd he was only wiff that he did not have another bottle of poison a complete the job.

THE CORNERSTONE LAID.

on, April 12 (Special).—Bishop Wigger, of nan Catholic diocese of Newark, yesterday corneratone of the new home for the Sisters

ity, in De Grosse-st.

eremonies were witnessed by several thouseremonies were witnessed by several thouseremonies the paro parishioners and children attending the parochools Fathers G lien, Corrigas, Brady and take took part in the services, Professor had been considered an eloquent oration on "The Catholic and Education."

THE CHARTER ELECTIONS.

A FIERCE POLITICAL BATTLE IN MANY NEW-JERSEY TOWNS.

REPUBLICANS IN NEWARK CONFIDENT OF RE ELECTING MAYOR LERKUECHER-A STIFF

> IN ELIZABETH-EXCISE MATTERS AND LOCAL AFFAIRS THE BONE OF CONTENTION IN CAMDEN.

OPPOSITION TO JOHN C. RANKIN, JR.,

Charter elections will be held to-morrow in most of the cities of New-Jersey, and on account of this being the year for the National election, there is more than an ordinary amount of interest manifested. Newark, the metropolis of the State, attracts the most attention, as it is generally conceded that upon the present election the result next fall will to a great degree depend. The fight between Republicans and Democrats in the other cities is also spirited, and while local affairs are alleged to be the basis of the campaigns, it is nevertheless true that the National election has considerable to do with

NEWARK DEMOCRATS WITHOUT FUNDS. THEIR DILEMMA CAUSES REPUBLICANS TO FEEL

SURE OF A VICTORY. The charter election in Newark to-morrow attracts the attention of the whole State, as it is felt that the result will have an important bearing on the

Two years ago Mayor Lebkuecher, the prese executive, was elected over James M. Seymour, Democrat, by 20,371 to 15,579, and an entire Board of five Republican Commissioners of Public Works was elected by about the same majority.

Last year Seymour was one of the eleven Democratic candidates for the Assembly, and, although hadly beaten with the rest of his party ticket in the county, he carried the cits by a small majority. The reason for this was that many hundreds of Newark Republicans scratched the name of a Republican candidate because he had been a salooneeper, and voted in preference for Seymour. The latter was renominated for Mayor by the Democrats this year on the strength of the factitious majority. and in the hope that the quarrels of the adminis-tration Republicans supporting Mayor Lebkuecher's business methods and the anti-administration leaders opposing him before his nomination will lead to serious defection of the Republican vote at the polls. This hope already proves illusory, as Com-missioner Stainsby, John Eisele and others who have been opposed to the Mayor are working "tooth and nail" for his election. The Democratic plan als is to capture the two Commissionerships of the Board of Works and elect a third Commissioner next year, which will give them the majority in the most important governing board of the city. If they can get the Mayor, too, the city government will then e in their hands in April, 1897.

There is, however, a more general object to be obtained. Newark is one of the largest manufacturing cities of the country, and it is the largest city of New-Jersey. If it should go Democratic to-morthe country as an evidence of a reaction in favor of Smith has visited the city several times to consult with the party managers, and he returned again on Friday, and is now at his home, practically directing the party operations. The ticket nominated has only native Americans on it, and this, it is said, even capture the A. P. A vote, and inculcate a rejudice against the German element of the popu lation. The Democratic speakers were also carefully instructed to make no reference to the tariff or partisan. National or State questions in their speeches, so that the Democratic candidates might not lose the advantage of the votes of Republicans dissatisfied with the party organization locally. If the returns to-morrow night shall show a De cratic victory, the claim will be instantly put forth that the contest was really on National lines, with the tariff issue in sight, and that the victory was really a Democratic free-trade triumph in a city largely devoted to manufacturing, and having a

population of 20,000 mechanics.

Another definite object of the Democratic leaders is to effect a permanent breach in the Republican organization. A Republican defeat to-morrow would lead to charges of treachery; it would array Republican against Republican, and destroy the party usefulness of some of the most active and valuable leaders. It would provoke revenges from which the Democrats might profit in the fall elec-Sheriff, and other local candidates are to be voted for in addition to Congressman and Presidential electors. All this is deliberately calculated upon

by the Democratic managers. that they will carry the city by a majority ranging One of the most conservative and experienced of the Republican leaders, Commissioner Van Duyne, estimates the majority at 3500. The odds in the etting are all on Republican majorities. Demo-

estimates the majority at 3,500. The odds in the betting are all on Republican majorities. Democrats only claim to have hopes of carrying the city, and they confess that these hopes are based mostly on Republican disaffection with the administration. They give no figures or estimates. The only candidate they feel any real hope for is George R. Gray, for the Board of Works, who will, however, be cut by many Democrats because he has been in public office of various kinds for about a quarter of a century, and belongs to the "Silk Stocking" element of the party.

All the city departments that formerly contributed their votes and patronage to Democratic candidates are now under Republican control. The contractors and corporations that were also manipulated so freely at election times now owe no favra to the Democratic politicians, and their influence and money are lost to them. The station vote, numbering nearly 3,000, was formerly Democratic. The Democratic panic made it Republican, and it can be relied on. The German-American vote was two-thirds Democratic in 1852. It is almost solidly frepublican now. For years the Democratic wardworkers were accustomed to receiving large amounts of money on Election Day. As this money is not forthcoming now in amounts large enough to satisfy them, they are lukewarm. Thousands of the baser sort were accustomed also to receiving £2 apiece for their votes, and when this was cut off they refrained from voting. In one voting precinct last year, according to the statement of a Democratic leader in the district to The Tribune correspondent, no less than 125 votes were lost because the voters would not go to the polis without pay. The lack of a Democratic daily paper is also a serious handicap. "The Journal," which was the Democratic organ, succumbed in December, 1894, for lack of support. Democratic campaign documents and cartoons have been printed during the campaign in the advertising columns of other local papers at space rates.

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The Democratic city platform charges that during the two years' administration of Mayor Lebkuecher the funded debt of the city has been increased by nearly five millions of new debt. A statement taken from the Controller's books and submitted by the Mayor shows that, on the contrary, the net funded debt of the city had been decreased about \$600,000 in the last two years. The reports also show that economies aggregating many thousands of dollars were made in all the departments of the city government; that the prices of supplies had been reduced from 10 to 50 per cent; that contract rates for street paving and sewering have been greatly lessened and the efficiency of the departments at the same time promoted. In two years twenty miles of streets have been paved and many miles of sewers laid. The East Jersey Water Company has been compelled to agree to lay a second conduit from the watershed at its own expense, whereas the old Democratic Board of Works bought the lay the lip property, worth \$60,000, paying \$30,000 for it, intending to build an \$500,000 reservoir on the site to make up the deficiency in the Pequannock water supply. The railroad companies have been brought to an agreement to elevate their tracks in the city and plans for that purpose are being preparad, and purpose are library to an appendiction and preparad and a new free ibrary

REPUBLICAN PROSPECTS BRIGHT. THE ALLEGED DEFECTION IN ELIZABETH PROVES TO BE A SMALL AFFAIR.

Elizabeth, April 12 (Special).-For the Sunday be Elizabeth, April 12 (Special).—For the Sunday be-fore election this has been a quiet one in Elizabeth. Unless all outward indications are astray, how-ever, the Republican ticket will be victorious on Tuesday. There are a large number of thoughtful citizens who are not doing any shouting, and who ordinarily are extremely independent in their vot-ing. These men will not be swayed by clamor or prejudice, but vote according to the dictates of their onscience, and for what they deem the best interests of the city, and it is safe to assert that their votes will mostly be recorded on election day for the Republican candidate for Mayor, John C. Ran-

Apart from this the situation seems somewhat mixed in the eyes of the political prophets, some of whom think that while Rankin will win, there is an even chance for the Democrats to elect their can-didate for Alderman-at-Large, and, perhaps, a couple of the freeholders. If the Republican vote, however, comes out, the chances are that Mayor Rankin's popularity will carry the entire ticket through as it has done before Rankin's popularity will carry the entire ticket through, as it has done before.

The Republicans who are dissatisfied with the

Mayor and will scratch him at the polls declare their intention of voting for the balance of the Re-

publican ticket. On the other hand, the Democrats, and they are many, who will support Rankin to vindicate the city's honor, will support the balance of the Demo-cratic ticket. It seems to be conceded that more Democratic votes will be polled for Rankin than will be cast against him by disgruntled Republicans, which lends strength to the claim that, so far as he is concerned, his election can be regarded as tolerably sure

Last fall the Democratic party in Elizabeth, while thoroughly united and enthusiastic, was only able to give Alexander T. McGill for Governor 110 majority in Elizabeth, and no intelligent person who has sized up the situation can be found who prepopular than was Chancellor McGill. The Democrats, moreover, had the advantage then of having a legal holiday on Election Day, a fact which always brings out a fuller Democratic vote. On Tuesday there will be no legal holiday, and this is bound to hurt the Democrats more than the Re-

bound to hurt the Democrats more than the Republicans.

The claim that Elizabeth is a strong Democratic city is erroneous, if the results of the elections for the last few years are studied up. It used to be safely Democratic by from 800 to 1,000 plurality, but the hard times have disgusted hundreds of Democratic workingmen—especially the Germans—and caused them to crowd into the Republican ranks. No better instance of this can be cited than the Fifth Ward of this city, which is largely composed of German-Americans, and which the Democratic leaders some years ago placed in the doubtful category, and at best Republican by a small majority. Now it gives over 200 Republican majority and has grown to be one of the banner Republican wards.

Mayor Rankin is confident of his re-election, from the assurances he has had from scores of conservative citizens, and he says the reported Republican defection will simmer down to small proportions by election day. Conservative men who have studied the situation claim that Mayor Rankin's plurality will not be less than 300, and it will not surprise them if it should double this figure.

A GUERILLA WARFARE IN CAMDEN. DEMOCRATS AND SO-CALLED REFORMERS PLOT-TING IN VAIN AGAINST AN HONEST REPUB-

LICAN ADMINISTRATION.

Camden, April 12 (Special).-This city has never in all its history seen such a stormy political battle as that just closed. The Republicans, who took up the reins of Government about ten years ago, have bee attacked from all sides, but the fighting has smacked of the guerilla style of warfare.

The Democrats had grown weary of the struggle to overcome the big Republican majority, which has kept increasing year after year till there is not a Democrat left in an office in all the municipal government, and not one of that party remains in the City Council, and none from the city in the County Board of Freeholders. With their chances f getting in growing weaker and weaker, the Democrats cast about for means of overthrowing the victorious Republicans. Last year a group of them joined forces with some Republicans in the organization of the Committee of One Hundred. spring. They elected three menbers of the City encouraged. They took no hand in the fall cambut early this spring the Committee of One Hundred was in the field with a selection of candidates for members of the Board of Excise Commis sioners, City Council and all ward offices, including justices of the peace and constables.

Using the evidence adduced at the several ses dons of the Black-Beldon Investigation Commission, the reformers have charged that the city is run solely in the interests of Republican officeholders, who are paid proper salaries, but who also secure heavy fees in one way and another: that the city has been grossly misgoverned, with high tax rates and no public improvements; that the people's money has been wasted in extravagant expenditures, and that the need of the hour is re

"It is the same old cry of the 'same old gang' when it is on the outs," says City Solicitor Mor gan, "but the Republican managers have no fear of the result on Tuesday. They do not believe that any large percentage of intelligent, thinking citi-zens are deceived by this cry, which the Democrats always raise in one guise or another when they wish to get their grip upon the offices. When we took hold of the city government, ten years ago, its credit was so run down that its bonds could not find a market. No public improvements were being made; the Fire and Police departments were ridiculously inadequate for a city of our dimensions and we were far behind in the march of progress The people voted the Democrats out, and they appear to have been satisfied to keep us in all thes We have brought the city credit up to a vears. high standard; we have more than doubled the Fire Department; more than trebled the Police Department, built almost fourteen miles of new sewers and paved more than twenty-four miles of streets. have introduced electric lighting into the streets, despite the charges of extravagance in this respect we now have the best-lighted city in the State, and I don't believe many jaxpayers would care to go back to the old days of flickering gas Now as to prospects. The Republicans declare lamps and smoky oil lamps with which our highnew schools and established a high and manual training school in rented quarters, giving educatraining school in retaining school in retaining school in retaining school in retaining that were furnished ten years ago, and increasing the annual expenditures for schools from \$117,000 to \$207,005. I don't believe that there is any considerable number of taxpayers who begrudge the money s, ent in this direction. We have reduced the total city debt, bonded and floating, from \$1,367,000 to \$1,282,000, and refunded \$55,000 of 7 per cent water bonds at 3½ per cent, saving altogether about \$18,000 a year in our

"The worst of the fire from these bushwhackers has been directed at me," continued Mr. Morgan, "but I could stand it if they would only stick to the facts and truthful figures, instead of garbling and manipulating in the interest of their plot. The salary of the City Counsel is \$2,000 a year, and this

the facts and truthful figures, instead of garbins and manipulating in the interest of their plot. The salary of the City Counsel is \$2,000 a year, and this is absolutely all I receive as such official. I was appointed Collector of Delinquent Taxes, and every dollar of fees, as such official, comes not out of the city treasury, but out of the pockets of those who fail to pay their taxes prompily. If every property-holder in the city paid his taxes on time my salary would be my only compensation. The fact is, the city is the gainer by many thousands of dollars in this plan of collecting the delinquent taxes. During the last eight years these delinquent collections amounted to a grand total of \$674,213 46, and the total cost to the city for the collection of this tidy sum was \$25,249 50. The commissions amounted to \$57,172 07. Deduct from that the expense of collection, and you have net commissions of \$20,922 18, or an average of but \$2,872 77 per year. Add to the total amount of delinquent taxes the delinquents had to pay, and you see what a snug fortune the city has gained.

"Does any one suppose that such a good showing as that could be made if the compensation depended alone upon a salary? The last Legislature recognized this when it insisted upon introducing into the law taking the fees from the offices of Clerk in Chancery and Supreme Court clerk a provision that all lawyers must keep their fee accounts paid up. Despite these actual figures, which any one can verify by the books, the so-called reformers have serained every nerve to show that my fees have seen \$15,000 per year. Brief reference to the period preceding the operation of this plan of collecting delinquent taxes will show to any fair-minded man the advantages accruing to the city of the present mode. From 1878 to 1887 there was no special provision for the collection of delinquent tax claims. As many of our citizens will remember, the issue of this experiment was a happy one. It became a common practice with a numerous class of thrifty people in

RAHWAY'S REPUBLICAN TICKET A GOOD ONE.

Rahway, April 12 (Special).-The annual charter election, which takes place to-morrow, has not been preceded by much of a campaign by either the Republicans or Democrats. Republicans, however, cannot afford to be apathetic, or neglect to get out their full vote, as the control of the Common Coun-cil, School Board and Water Board is involved. Under Republican rule the city debt has been ad-

justed and every department run on strict business principles. There being no Mayor or Freeholders to elect this year, it is feared that many Repub-licans will consider the election unimportant, and fail to vote. This is not the case. The election of five Councilmen and four School Commissioners with a Water Commissioner-at-Large, involves the control of every department of the city government. The Republican nominees are all first-class men, prominently identified with the business and social interests of the city. Most of them have had experience in public affairs.

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The nominees on the city ticket are as follows:
For Water Comm ssioner, W. G. Rathbun; for School
Commissioner-at-Large, George E. White. Both
men have been renominated. Wr. White has been

president of the Board of Education for many years and knows all about the wants and needs of the schools. Mr. Rathbun is superintendent of the Gordon Press Works, and is a valuable member of the present Water Board. The Democratic nominees are Jackson Jacques and F. M. Stillman, neither of whom has ever had any experience in public affairs.

The following are the Republican ward nontrations: First Ward—For Councilman, A. F. Lurbery: School Commissioner, J. M. Brookfield. Extend Ward—For Councilman, Thomas Jardine; School Commissioner, Cyrus W. Squer. Third Ward—Councilman, William Howard. Furth Ward—Councilman, George Miller; School Commissioner, Harry M. Bedford. Fifth Ward—Councilman, W. H. C. Coles.

The warmest fight will be in the First and Second wards, where the Democrats hope to regain control. If the Republicans turn out it is not likely that the Democrats will win.

SOMERSET REPUBLICANS DISGRUNTLED. THEY SAY THAT THEY WERE TREATED UNFAIRLY

IN THE HID CONGRESS DISTRICT CONVENTION. Somerville, April 12 (Special).-The Republicans of Somerset County are thoroughly aroused over their treatment by the delegations from Middlesex and Monmouth countles at the district convention held in New-Brunswick last week.

It had been conceded that Somerset was entitled to one of the two delegates to the National Conven-tion, and the delegation went to New-Brunswick with the expectation of presenting a name. in Chancery Lewis A. Thompson was the choice of the delegation. When they arrived in New-Brunswick, however, they found that both Middlesex and Monmouth had candidates, and were deter-mined to present them. Monmouth has forty-one delegates and Middlesex has thirty-nine, so that somerset with her eighteen can only get her rights by courtesy. She was totally ignored. The same treatment has been experienced ever since the Hid Congress District has had its present autonomy, Monmouth and Middlesex have combined against

Somerset.

Congressman Howell expects a renomination next fall, and so angry are the Republicans here that they threaten to attend no more conventions, nor to assist in any Congress elections until they are accorded fair recognition. Assemblyman Reed, who was chairman of the Somerset delegation in the late convention, refused to present the name of any candidate after he found how useless it would be. After the delegates were selected. Somerset was thrown a sop in the nomination of Charles Place and Assemblyman Reed as alternates. Both, however, refused to serve.

BLOOMFIELD REPUBLICAN TICKET. Bloomfield, April 12 (Special).-The Republicans follows: Committeeman-at-large, G. Lee Stout; Collector, A. C. Marr; Overseer of the Poor, C. L. Voorhees: constables, James Darling and James Foster; justices of the peace, Jacob G. Post and George M. Cadmus; Commissioners of Appeal, James P. Jones, Charles W. Martin and N. H. Dodd.

THE NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR.

SOUTH JERSEY LAWYERS SAY THAT HE SHOULD COME FROM THAT SECTION. Camden, April 12 (Special).-A meeting of the

Camden Bar has been called for Tuesday next to take steps to further the interests of South Jersey in the selection of the Vice-Chancellor, whom Chancellor McGill has yet to appoint. The call for the meeting has been signed by all

the leading lawyers of the county, and it is said that they will adopt resolutions strongly urging the Chancellor to appoint a South Jersey lawyer to the They say that this end of the State is really entitled to the appointment, as all four of the pres ent Vice-Chancellors come from the northern tier of counties. A vast amount of business comes from the six lower counties, and weekly sessions of the Chancery Court are held in this city, a Vice-Chancellor coming down for the purpose. The attorneys declare that they could name a

umber of men who would fill the post with honor and credit, having all the requisite ability and scholarly attainments. The man need not necessarily be a Republican, as there are a number of able Democrats capable of filling the place.

The most likely man of the latter political faith is ex-District Court Judge Howard Carrow, who was the permanent chairman of the Democratic State Convention which nominated Chancellor McGill for Governor. Ex-Judge David J. Pancoast is also mentioned as a fitting man.

ed. Payday, however, was the signal for a general drunk. A band of tramps beat their way to Pomp-ton and met the Pittsburg gang at Risden's Hotel. and a flerce fight took place. The pride of the Pittsburgers was "Dan" Callahan, a muscular giant, who was always looking for trouble. Callahan challenged the leader of the tramps and a pitched battle followed. The hotel was wrecked, and Caliahan was left for dead in a barn, where he and Caliahan was left for dead in a barn, where he had been carried by his comrades. His left cheek had been chewed into pulp, his nose broken and his head terribly battered with pick-handles and clubs. The glass in the front of the hotel was demolished with sticks and stones by the gang, after Risden had driven them out at the point of a shotgun. Callahan was brought to this city and received treatment at the General Hospital, where he lies in a critical condition.

PARENTS AND SON REUNITED.

A HAPPY RESULT OF LAST WEEK'S REUNION OF THE "JERSEY BLUES" IN PATERSON. Paterson, April 12 (Special).-One of the happy

results of the reunion of the Second Brigade, Second Division, Third Army Corps, which was held in Paterson on Thursday, was the reuniting of a son with his parents after an absence of twenty-eight When the Rebellion broke out, among the many

volunteers from this city was William Harding. then a young man. He served with a good record through the war, and at its end settled in Ohio, his regiment not being very far from that State when he received his discharge. Harding opened correspondence with his parents, but it was soon tropped, and for twenty-eight years neither son nor parents had heard from each other. The father and

mother long ago gave their son up for dead.

Harding, the son, some weeks ago secured an invitation to attend the brigade reunion in Paterinvitation to attend the brigade reunion in Paterson, and decided to visit his native home and look for his parents. He reached here on Wednesday, and found the name of his father and mother, John and Mary, in the directory. He also read that they lived in Paterson-ave. By mistake he went to Paterson-st., and failed to find his parents. Learning of his error, he started again the next day to find them and succeeded. Mrs. Harding at once recognized her son, but the father at first thought his unexpected visitor was an impostor. The veteran, however, managed to prove his identity.

A NAVY OFFICER MISSING.

LIEUTENANT CONWAY, WHO IS CONNECTED WITH AN ELIZABETHPORT SHIPYARD, HAS NOT BEEN SEEN FOR TWO WEEKS.

Elizabeth, April 12 (Special).—Lieutenant J. J. Conway, U. S. N., who was Lewis Nixon's confidential man at his shipyard in Elizabethport, has dential man at his shipyard in Elizabethport, has thoroughly disappeared, and no clew can be found to his whereabouts. What makes the matter more puzzling is that the missing man's accounts are said to be straight, and, so far as known, there is no said to be straight, and, so far as known, there is no reason why he should so mysteriously go away. Lieutenant Conway is about thirty-five years old. He came to Elizabeth when Mr. Nixon took charge of the plant. He is a little above the medium height and has rather handsome features. He is a prominent member of Elizabeth Lodge No. 239, Benevolent Order E.ks. He was last at his post on March 31, and it was supposed by his employer that he had taken a week's leave to visit some distant relatives. They were communicated with and it was learned that nothing had been seen of him. It is now feared that he has wandered away under a temporary aberation of mind.

A HEAVY BURGLARY IN NEWARK. A thief got into the house of Benjamin Atha,

resident of the Atha-Illingworth Steel Company, at No. 756 High-st., Newark, on Saturday evening, and stole about \$1,000 worth of jewelry and \$45 in money. Access to the house was gained by climbing up the front porch while the family was at dinner. One of the servants surprised the man on his tour of the "He went out of the window and down the pillar

like a monkey." was the way she described what happened after the man saw her.
Shortly before the robbery at Mr. Atha's a thick was detected getting into the second-story window of Charles A. Feick's house, at No. 800 High-st. He escaped.

THE GOSPEL'S POWER.

SERMON OF THE REV. GEORGE HUBBARD PAYSON, OF RAHWAY.

LOVE OF POWER AN ELEMENT IN LIFE-WHAT SALVATION DOES FOR MEN-THE ANTIQUITY

OF THE GOSPEL-PAUL'S FAITH A MODEL FOR CHRISTIANS

The Rev. George Hubbard Payson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rahway, preached yesterday morning on "The Power of the Gospel" He took his text from the famous declaration St. Paul in Romans I, 16. "For I am not ashamed



THE REV. GEORGE HUBBARD PAYSON.

of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." said in part:

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The text has the true apostolic ring. Paul was not afraid of Roman prison or Pagan throne, for he was not ashamed of his message or his mission. He gloried in the cross of Christ. As in Corinth and Galatia, so in Rome also, he would pioclaim the "glorious Gospel of the Son of God." Thither was he bound. Nothing could daunt him. He would brook no hindrance, breast every liftfully, hrave ail danger. But preach he must, and preach he would, and preach he did, before the throne of Caesar, the blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Never was the call more urgent than now, for the same faith and courage and zeal. The times are in sore need of the Gospel of grace. Our age is saved only by the power of Christ. Your lives, beloved, are in hopeless sorrow but for the Joy of His salvation. Are you ashamed of the Gospel, and ashamed of the Christ? Oh, prothers, men, if you realize its claims, then respond to His call. Here comes one more message from heaven to your realize its claims, then respond to His call. Here comes one more message from heaven to your reason, your heart. My message is my Master's, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, "Why? Because of its potency. "It is the power of God unto salvation.

Power is the supreme end sought in life to-day, In business, society, politics, everywhere, men seek in the Olympic games, showed superior physical strength, and their success was cabled across the seas. It is an athetic age; nerve and sinew, blood and brawn, count for something now. The forces of nature are subdued and controlled to produce power in our industrial and commercial life. Niagara is made to do something hesides roar, steam is harnessed, the sunlight imprisoned, and chained lightning has become man's servant and does his bidding. Power is what men seek and what they find. The stronger comes to the fruit, the weaker goes to the wall. They combine resources, concentrate energies, that they may increase and preacry material, moral or political supremacy.

able Democrats capable of filling the place. The most likely man of the latter political faith is ex-District Court Judge Howard Carrow, who was the permanent chairman of the Democratic State Convention which nominated Chancellor McGill for Governor. Ex-Judge David J. Pancoast is also mentioned as a fitting man.

A REIGN OF TERROR.

SEVERAL NEW-JERSEY VILLAGES OVERRUN WITH TROUBLESOME TRAMPS.

Paterson, April 12 (Special).—The beginning of work on the auxiliary pipe-line of the East Jersey Water Company has caused a reign of terror in the vicinity of Pompton, Butler and Bloomingdale. Fifteen hundred men are employed in digging the ditch and putting down pipe near Butler.

The quiet villages are overrun with tramps, and a new contingent arrives with every freight train. Women have been stopped on the streets and forced to hand over money, and depredations have increased to such an extent that twenty deputes have been sworn in to assist the town marshals, and a curfew ordinance adopted. Notices were posted throughout the district, and individuals found prowling about after 8 e'clock are promptly arrest-ed. Payday, however, was the signal for a general.

"His name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sin," and from the love of it, from the power of it, here and now; from the curse of it and the consequences forevermore. Is there any other power like this, to make clean the hearts and hands of men? How else is it possible to renew sinful man, save by the spirit of God, and to transform him into the Divine image from glory to giory? The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. It is a complete work. It includes the whole man and all men. By the power of that salvation your body, mind and spirit may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord.

The apostle was not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God. He gloried in its divinity. It is not a man-made Gospel, beloved. It is God's own evangel to the world. Divine in its origin, in its nature, in its effects, it proves its divinity. It claims to be of God, and it has substantiated its claim. The works that He did bore witness of Christ. See what the Gospel can do, has done, is doing. Christianity's work demonstrates its worth. The effect of the Gospel, as seen in the hearts of men, and the history of the world, proves that it is divine.

The Gospel is old; we glory in its antiquity. It is a modern craze to find something new. Even when every one was looking for old things, enterprising men advertised as "manufacturers of antique furniture." The world has gone wild in the field of discovery and invention. Fome are seeking for a new religion. I plead for the old this morning. The best things are old. The earth is old, its eternal mountains, soaring toward the skies, its tideless rivers, flowing to the sea. The sea is old. "centuries old." ebbing and flowing with its ceaseless tides, telling the hours, but keeping its services till time shall be no more and the sea gives up her dead. The heavens are old, bending over the fruitful earth and the shory of God guard the graves of our loved ones as watched over the sepulcher of our Lord. And the day will break and the snarlo

music of that single chord. The Gospel is old as the world. "In the beginning was the word." Unrist is "the Lamb of God, slain from before the foundation of the world."

But the adaptability of the Gospel is as saltent a characteristic as its antiquity. Age of itself is not sufficient to constitute true clory. The Oriental religions are old, but what vital force do they exert to-day? The sphinx is old, and its riddle yet unsolved. But the Gospel is ever new and never so much needed as now. It has nower not only to purify the heart, but to sanctify our domestic, social, industrial and political life.

The Gospel is for all times, for our time most of all. Christ is not dead, but risen. "He ever fiveth." His Gospel is the power of God, to save men now as ever of old. It is the only key to the solution of the problems which confront us at the close of the nineteenth century. Christless, eform is a delusion. "Without Me ye can do nothing." It is the voice of Christ stilling the storms which break on our social life, exorcising the lemons which prey upon the poor and defenceless now; tilencing the discords which disturb the harmony that come to men when the angels tuned their barps of gold with "glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill to men."

Are you ashamed of the Gospel, which prisates with the love of God; ashamed of the Christ who pleads with you with the divinest tenderness and power? Let the earth blush with shame for the flowers that bloom upon its bosom this riad spring-time and breathe forth their sweet incense on the summer breeze. Let the heavens be ashamed of the man heart be ashamed of the Christ who pleads with you with the divinest tenderness and power? Let the earth blush with shame for the flowers that bloom upon its bosom this riad spring-time and breathe forth their sweet incense on the summer breeze. Let the heavens be ashamed of the man heart be ashamed of the Grant with light and life. Let history disown the heroes wase noble deeds brighten fire particular than the flowers, p

A NEW CHURCH DEDICATED.

RUTHERFORD METHODISTS BEGIN TO WORSHIP IN THEIR NEW HOME.

THE DEBT LARGELY REDUCED BY THE DATA

COLLECTIONS-THE DEDICATORY CERE-MONIES-HISTORY OF METH-ODISM IN THE TOWN.

Rutherford, April 12 (Special) .- The new Methodist

congregations which taxed to the utmost the ca-

Episcopal Church in Passaic-ave, was dedicated

lay with appropriate services, and in the present

pacity of the handsome building. The Rev. Dr. S. Van Benschoten, presiding elder of the district; the Rev. W. P. Ferguson, president of the Centens Collegiate Institute, and the Rev. Dr. John Krants jr., were among the well-known ministers who we present. Bishop C. D. Foss was unable to attend. The first service of the day was at 10:30 in the morning. A mixed choir sang Rutenber's anthem, "Christ, Our Passover," and Ewing's "O. Holy Jesus" was well rendered by a quartet. The oreacher was the Rev. W. P. Ferguson, who gave an appropriate and eloquent discourse. The reading of the financial statement and the offering followed and, while the quartet sang, a large was placed on a chair on the pulpit platform. On this blackboard was the simple design of a church, rising from a broad base to a steeple, and divided into bricks representing \$50, \$25, \$10, \$5, \$2 and \$1. The Rev. Dr. Krants then made an earnest appeal to the congregation to contribute toward the church; the Rev. C. L. Mead, pastor of the church, and the trustees walked up and down the sistes, paper and pencils in hand, and, as the contributors and amounts were called off, brick after brick was hecked off on the blackboard. Dr. Krants interspersed his acknowledgment of contributions by a running fire of bright comment.

At the end the Doxology was sung, and, after the benediction, the congregation departed. The trus-tees, who stayed for a brief conference with Dr. Krantz, were astonished to learn that the total of the subscriptions was over \$2,500, and, by similar means at other services, this was increased to over \$3,000. It was stated that this would wipe out the loating indebtedness and would pay off part of the \$10,000 mortgage.

At the afternoon service several addresses were made, and the choir and soloists sang Buck's "Captate Domino," Bischoff's "Rock of Ages," Gouned's



THE REV. C. L. MEAD.

"Easter Eve" and Warren's "Fill the Font with

The formal dedication took place at the evening The formal dedication took pasts of the Rev. S. Van service and was performed by the Rev. S. Van Benschoten, the presiding elder. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Krantz, and the choir sang the Twelfth Mass; Wood-Mozart's "Gioria," from the Twelfth Mass; Wo ward's "Radiant Morn," and a duet, Stainer's "Love Divine.

The new church is of brick, trimmed with stone, and surmounted by a slate roof. torium, which seats about 400 people, is an inclined amphitheatre, finished in ash and quartered call.



RUTHERFORD'S NEW CHURCH. This opens into a large room at the rear, with a seating capacity of 150; and overhead is a gallery, which will hold seventy-five. Back of the pulpit is the choir balcony, which will hold about thirty singers. The stained glass windows are a prominent feature of the church, many of them memorials of departed members of the congregation

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The Building Committee was composed of S. T.
Davy, chairman; W. J. Slingerland, secretary; A.
W. Taylor, F. E. Johnson and F. T. Doelittie. The
church building, with furniture, cost about \$15,000,
and stands upon a plot of ground 160x150 feet, in
Passalc-ave. The congregation contains many
well-known men, including Councilman W. C. MeKever, Charies H. Warner, William H. Smith,
James P. Speer, H. Makenzie, H. N. Fieh, James H.
Bowne, F. T. Doolittie, L. M. Axford, L. H. Plass,
B. S. Persibleton and O. J. Teeple.

Methodism in Rutherford dates from November I.
1570, when a society was organized by the Rev. A. V.
King, and on December 18, of the same year, the
Park Methodist Episcopal Church was formed, the
corneration of a church in Bolling Springs, now
East Rutherford, being laid in 1571. The organization disbanded in 1573, and in 1850 the Rutherford
Methodist Episcopal Church was organized, with
the Rev. W. H. Russell as pastor. The building of
the society was dedicated in 1881, the church being
brought from Bolling Springs to Rutherford. The
Rev. C. M. Anderson, now pastor of a church in
Bayonne, became pastor of the Rutherford Church
in 1888, and, during the five years of his ministry
here the congregation grew rapidly. The Rev.
William Day, who became pastor of the church in
1894, was instrumental in aiding the movement far a
new church, and, during his ministry, the old
church building was sold and transformed into
Lyceum Hall, the congregation worshipping at first
in the Union Club Auditorium, and then in Ivison
Hall. Mr. Day died suddenly last fall, and the
congregation was without a pattor until November
I, when the Rev. Charlee L. Med., a young and eloquent preacher, was transferred to the church by
Bishop Hurst, at the request of the presiding elder.
In response to a unanimous request from the trustees, Mr. Mead has just been returned as pastor of
the church by the Methodist Conference.

BROOKS'S DEATH DUE TO POISON.

Orange, April 12 (Special).—County Physician Washington performed an autopsy on Saturday night on the body of Alphonso W. Brooks, who died in the Orange Memorial Hospital on Saturday morning. Dr. Washington found that death was due to some active irritant poison, which he suspected to be arsenic. The stomach was given to Dr. Hedges, the beauty physician for analysis. Dr. Hedges esbe arsenic. The stomach was given to Dr. Hedges et the house physician, for analysis. Dr. Hedges et tablished conclusively the fact that Brooks ha taken white arsenic, enough of the poison beful in the stomach to have killed a dosen men. It will be remembered that Brooks was foun lying on the steps of the First Congregations Church, at the corner of Main and Grove sts., at o'clock Saturday morning and was sent to the Memorial Hospital, where he died at 9 o'clock. He was uncoracious most of the time in the hospital.

A WAR ON VICE IN ASBURY PARK.

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Asbury Park, April 12 (Special).—The police of Neptune Township, not ratisfied with arresting seven liquor pediera yesterday, rounded up another batch of law-breakers to-day. The first viotim, a woman, was charged with keeping a disorderly house. She was sentenced to ninety days in fall. Chief of Police Huishart next arrested a crowd of colored men who were playing poker and shooting crap in an isolated portion of the township.

The officials will not relax their vigiliance until every law-breaker is landed in fall or run out of the township. The Law and Order League will assist in the work of reform.

BASEBALL IN NEWARK.

The Newark and Pawtucket baseball clubs played an interesting ten-inning game in the shooting para at Newark yesterday afternoon. A large crowd witnessed the game. Following is the summary: